CHAPTER 28
VOTER REGISTRATION FILE (I-VOTERS) MANAGEMENT

721—28.1(47,48A) State registrar's responsibility. The state registrar of voters is responsible for the implementation of a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive, computerized statewide voter registration file of every legally registered voter in the state. This file is known as I-VOTERS. These rules regulate access to the file by county registrars and others and set forth protocols for adding, changing or deleting file information.

721—28.2(48A) Access and fees.
    28.2(1) The state registrar and county registrars shall grant access to the I-VOTERS database consistent with the Iowa Code and the security plan for the system. Authorized users of the system shall be issued secure password-protected access that is monitored by the state registrar. Access may be denied or revoked by the state registrar for violation of the security policy.
    28.2(2) Fees shall be assessed by the state registrar and county registrars for voter registration information provided to the public or to authorized requesters consistent with Iowa Code chapter 48A and the rules of the voter registration commission. The state registrar shall establish appropriate forms for voter registration information requests. Fees collected by the state registrar shall be deposited in the state general fund. Fees collected by county registrars shall be deposited in the appropriate county fund.
    28.2(3) Statewide or congressional district voter registration information from I-VOTERS may be obtained only from the state registrar. Voter registration information from I-VOTERS other than statewide or congressional district information may be obtained from the state registrar or a county registrar. A county registrar may provide from I-VOTERS voter registration information for a district or other jurisdiction that is located in whole or in part within the registrar's county.

721—28.3(48A) Duplicate and multiple voter registration record deletion process.
    28.3(1) The state registrar shall provide a search function within the I-VOTERS software to search for likely duplicate or multiple voter registration records. County registrars shall have the capability to activate this function.
    28.3(2) During each calendar quarter, the county registrar shall activate the search function described in 28.3(1) and review the list of likely duplicate or multiple voter registration records. The county registrar shall resolve duplicate or multiple records for the same voter. No voter shall have more than one voter record. The voter record associated with the most recent registration or other voter-initiated activity shall be considered the voter's current record. The voter shall be registered in the county of current record, and the voter record in any other county shall be merged with the record in the current county. Individual voter history and other voter data shall be transferred to the voter's record in the current county of registration.
    28.3(3) The state registrar shall periodically engage in interstate checking of voter registration records with cooperating states for the purpose of identifying duplicate or multiple voter registration records. A list of likely matches of records based upon predetermined search criteria shall be timely sent to each county registrar.
    28.3(4) Within 15 days of the receipt of a list produced by the state registrar in accordance with 28.3(3), the county registrar shall review the list of likely duplicate or multiple voter registration records and determine the accuracy of the search results. If the voter is found to be registered to vote in another state more recently than in Iowa and that registration has not been canceled, the voter's Iowa registration shall be canceled pursuant to Iowa Code section 48A.30(1)*"b."*
    28.3(5) County registrars shall cooperate with each other to ensure that voter records are properly merged into the current county file.

721—28.4(48A) Cancellations and restorations of voter registration due to felony conviction.

28.4(1) Based upon information provided to the state registrar by the state or federal judicial branch and by the governor, the state registrar shall maintain a list of convicted felons and a list of convicted felons whose voting rights have been restored. Periodically, these lists shall be matched with I-VOTERS. Based upon predetermined search criteria, a list of likely matches of ineligible voters shall be produced for each county and provided to each county registrar.

28.4(2) Within 15 days of the receipt of the list produced by the state registrar in accordance with 28.4(1), the county registrar shall review the list of likely matches, determine the accuracy of the search results and cancel the registrations of those voters found to be ineligible to vote. Notice shall be sent to the voter at the voter's address in the voter registration file pursuant to Iowa Code section 48A.30(2). The notice shall provide the voter an opportunity to have the county registrar review any relevant information that establishes the voter's eligibility to vote. When inclusion of a voter's name on the list of likely matches is found to be inaccurate, the registrar shall mark the record as a "no match" and provide that information to the state registrar.

28.4(3) New applicants for registration entered into I-VOTERS by a county registrar shall be electronically matched against the list of convicted felons in the file, and applicants disqualified due to felony conviction shall not be registered as voters. The county registrar shall notify the registration applicant of the applicant's disqualification in the same manner as provided for in subrule 28.4(2) above.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 47.7(2) and chapter 48A.

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